

REPORT ERASMUS NURIA AND AITANA

During our Erasmus semester in Hradec Králové, we lived a very positive and deeply enriching experience, both on a personal and academic level. From the very beginning, this period abroad allowed us to step out of our comfort zone, adapt to a new environment and experience a different way of life. Beyond the typical aspects often associated with the Erasmus programme, such as cultural exchange or language improvement, we can confidently say that we had a great time and that the experience exceeded our initial expectations.

At first, the fact that Hradec Králové is not a capital city made us feel slightly uncertain about our destination. Compared to larger and more internationally known cities such as Prague, it might initially seem less attractive or offer fewer opportunities. However, as the weeks went by, we quickly realised that this perception was misleading. In reality, the smaller size of the city became one of the main strengths of our Erasmus experience.

Living in a medium-sized city made everyday life much easier and more comfortable. Distances were short, the atmosphere was calm, and everything felt more accessible. Most importantly, this environment allowed us to bond much more closely with other Erasmus students. It was easier to meet people, spend time together regularly and create strong relationships. We truly felt a strong sense of community, as we shared not only classes, but also our daily routines, trips, and free time.

This close social environment helped us “make piña” as a group, forming friendships that went beyond superficial connections. We supported each other, discovered new cultures together and created unforgettable memories. In a larger city, where students tend to be more dispersed, this level of closeness might have been harder to achieve.

In conclusion, our Erasmus experience in Hradec Králové was extremely enriching. It helped us grow personally, become more independent and open-minded, and appreciate the value of human connections. What initially seemed like a less attractive destination turned out to be the perfect place to fully enjoy the Erasmus spirit. It is an experience that we will always remember with great affection and gratitude.